

Local activity providers and sports clubs that cater for Māori

There are also lots of local activity providers and sports clubs that cater for Māori and who would love to meet you and connect with your whānau. Here are just a few!

Mauri tu mauri ora! An active soul is a healthy soul.

Aranui Eagles Rugby League Club

Rugby league for nursery age to premiers.

Contact: Cathy Irwin (cathy@actis.org.nz).

Kapa Tata

This group of whanau have come together to play sport using Te Reo, since 2013. The group aims to normalise the Maori language by incorporating it in everyday life including sport.

The group runs a variety of sports for pakeke/adults, taiohi/ teenagers and tamariki/ children, including mixed softball, indoor netball, Ki-o-rahi, touch, tee-ball and rugby league.

Contact: Melody Tuliau (021 387 150).



Kaumatua Services

Day activities and programmes for kaumatua, based at Rehua Marae.

Kaiarahi: Maureen McManus (03 355 5615).

Otautahi Rugby Association

Rugby union for juniors to seniors. Also offers netball, softball, touch, and hockey.

Contact: Albert Hoera (021 210 8440).

Purapura Whetu

Sport and physical activities for tamariki/children older than 7, taiohi/teenagers and pakeke/adults dealing with mental health issues.

Contact: Rachel Panapa (03 379 8001).

Toa Sports CPIT

A Ki-o-rahi module at Ara for pakeke/adults (high school age and older).

Contact: Heperi Harris (Heperi.harris@ara.ac.nz).

Te Whare Tū Taua ki Waitaha

The National School of Ancient Māori Weaponry in Christchurch teaches men, women and children 12 years and over.

Sessions are held on Saturday mornings at Mairehau High School.

Contact: Aaron Hapuku (022 646 1496 or hapuku@yahoo.com).

Wai-ora Trust

The Trust runs a community gardening initiative and a community works programme based in Harewood. They also have a Fitness Centre available for people who do not have the means to attend a regular gym.

Phone: 03 359 7407

Waka Ama

There are a number of waka ama clubs running in Christchurch:

- Kai Ngaru Outrigger Canoe Club in New Brighton (kaingaru@hotmail.co.nz)
- Te Awa Haku (teawahaku@hotmail.com)
- Te Waka Pounamu in Lyttelton (tewaka-pounamu01@gmail.com)
- Tipu Tai-Tama Voyaging Trust in New Brighton (mamamerlz1@gmail.com)
- Waitaha Paddling Club Inc in Lyttelton (waitahapc@gmail.com)